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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Josiah Francis Earle (1828-1884) was a landowner, school commissioner, and court clerk in Crittenden County, Arkansas. After serving in a Confederate Cavalry unit in the Civil War, Earle became prominent in the Ku Klux Klan in the area. The town of Earle in Crittenden County is named for him. Earle's sister Cynthia Earle Ward (d.1868?) married J.E.H. Ward of Virginia who became a major plantation owner in the area. After Ward died of disease while serving the Confederate Army, Cynthia managed the operations of the plantation. She died in the late 1860's shortly after moving to Minnesota.

Scope and Contents

This collection primarily consists of correspondence and documents from the Earle-Ward family of Crittenden County, Arkansas. It exclusively contains original materials, and it also contains Cynthia Earl Ward's diary from the mid 19th Century.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mary Ward Fariss, Lake Rest Plantation, Proctor, Arkansas. 1961 November 28

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Governor W.R. Miller, Little rock to J.F. Earle. 1880 April 18

B.C. Brown, Little Rock, to Major J.F. Earle. 1880 July 8

Owen Meriweather, Memphis, Tennessee, to Mrs. J.F. Earle. 1884 December 3

J.F. Earle, Crittenden County, to "Editor," True Democrat 1865-1870

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Lou Earle, Proctor, Arkansas, to "Dear Cousin Cynthia." 1866

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Receipt from Schoolfield Grocers, Memphis 1867 November 6

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Invoice from J.J. Busby Company, Memphis to Earle. 1880 June 9

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Receipt for Lynch Republican. 1832 June 3

Invoice from McGuffs for the Ward Estate 1864 May-1864

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Receipt from Estate of Ward to Scanlan. 1888 May 31

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"Number of lands bought by Ward from Brown."

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In the Circuit Court of Crittenden County acting in Chancery; Docket Number 115, James G. Berry v. William E. Scanlan, et. al. 1866 November 6

In the Circuit Court of Crittenden County acting in Chancery; Docket Number 116; James G. Berry v. William E. Scanlan, et. al. 1868 May 13

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Audit of Statement of Funds drawn out of the State Treasury by W.D. Hardin, treasurer of Crittenden County. 1879 February 24

Abstract of Common School Funds for Crittenden County; Certification by the Department of Public Instruction. 1879 February 24

Audit of statement of funds paid out by W.D. Hardin, Crittenden County treasurer. 1879 March 18

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"Just a little rememberance" (of the Ward family). 1951

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